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Sent: Friday, May 16, 2014 4:12 PM
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Chairman Stump and ACC commissioners,

I have submitted this information via the ACC website, however I am aware that some comments are not showing up in the docket.

Sincerely,

Christina Duml, D.V.M.

Arizona Corporation Commission

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DocketNo: WS-02987A-13-0477
Utility: Johnson Utilities
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Comments: To Chairman Stump and ACC commissioners:

As a resident of the unincorporated and the proposed annexation area of the Town of Florence (TOF) I would like to make several comments concerning the proposed sale of Johnson Utilities (JU) to the TOF. First I support this sale; I support the Arizona Corporation Commission's (ACC) conditional cancellation of the Certificate of Convenience & Necessity (CC&N) facilitating the sale of JU to the TOF. Secondly I do not think that we need a Consumer/Citizen Advisory Board. Furthermore, I have concerns as to the TOF charging ratepayers differing water rates that are dependent upon whether the ratepayer resides within or outside the municipal

boundaries of the TOF.

First, I support this sale based on the transaction's financial information in that it's a good deal for the TOF's residents. The financial risk is minimal since income from the ratepayers will support the utility thereby not burdening the TOF residents with a tax increase to pay for and subsidize JU. I also think that's it's a good deal for Mr. Johnson as he will receive a fair return on his investment. This transaction is a win-win for both the TOF and Mr. Johnson. Further, any concerns as to the adverse risk of JU's current physical assets and business aspects should be disclosed in the real estate transaction documents. I would expect the TOF to take these disclosures into consideration before purchasing JU. Second I support this sale based on the fact that the utility will be sold to a municipality. As such, I would expect that there would be a procedure in place which delineates how any complaint would be filed, processed, and appealed to the state level. Further, I suspect that the TOF would be held accountable to the appropriate state standards concerning water quality, water testing, and consumer notification especially in situations such as acute water contamination. In addition any water and/or sewage concerns could be addressed before the TOF council meetings. Based on these expectations, having an Advisory Board would be unnecessary.

Finally, I have concerns as to the differing rates that TOF charges based on whether the ratepayer lives within or outside TOF's municipal boundaries. According to Mr. Robert G. Grays' testimony on page 25 of the recent ACC's staff report, presently the TOF charges more to those ratepayers living outside their city limits. For example, currently a ratepayer who lives within the TOF's city limits consuming 5000 gallons of water/month is charged \$28.88. Those who live outside pay \$37.36/month. The one outside pays \$8.48 more monthly, 29% more in fact. Presently JU ratepayers pay \$26.13/month for 5000 gallons. As these folks will be outside the TOF area their rates will jump a whopping 43%. This is unacceptable as all of the ratepayers affected by this transaction should have the same rates. And, as we have been informed, this transaction will not burden the TOF residents by increasing their taxes. As such, their taxes will not be used to purchase or subsidize this purchase therefore there isn't any justification as to charging differing rates between those who live within the city limits and those who live outside of the TOF. I support the sale of JU to the TOF. With that being said I do have two concerns. First, I do not want the establishment of a STV Consumer/Citizen Advisory Board. I would expect that the TOF would have a complaint and state level appeal process in place that all of its ratepayers may use to file grievances. Further, these issues can be addressed before the town council. Second the TOF needs to charge all of their ratepayers the same rates based upon their consumption. I'd like to thank each and every one of you for taking the time to read my comments and for all that you do.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Dumal, D.V.M.

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Chairman Stump and ACC commissioners,

It has come to my attention that my letter of May 8, 2014 has not been posted so I am forwarding my confirmation and letter.

Regards,

Mark Dumal, Ph.D.

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DocketNo: WS-02987A-13-0477

Utility: Johnson Utility

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Comments: Mr. Chairman & commissioners: I have been following the Town of Florence proposed purchase of Johnson Utilities. The town had in place a prior first right of refusal if it did not want to make the purchase. My family and I have lived in the water area since 2008 and have found the quality of water as well as service excellent. As a healthcare professional I find this important as well as the financial arrangement.. The entire system of 56,000 customers will be included as well as a golf course. Anthem customers will see a 5% decrease as they will not be paying a franchise fee. The city will receive a state of art fully integrated system with a 10 year growth capability. Management in the transition phase will be 5 years to allow a smooth turnover. The purchase is wise and economically sound so I support the town of Florence in its efforts. Sincerely, Mark Dumal, PhD

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